ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Weogufka Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Bethlehem Church, Shelby County, Ala.

OCTOBER 10, 11th and 12th,

1895.

OFFICERS:

B. H. VICKERS, Moderator,

A. H. MERRELL, Clerk,

B. F. CALFEE, Treasurer.

Adjourned to meet with Holly Springs Church, Coosa county, Alabama, on Thursday before the second Sabbath in October, 1896.

MINISTERS.

Ordained.

NAME.	POSTOFFICE.	NAME.	POSTOFFICE.
J. F. Watson,	Talladega Spr'gs.	G.W.Crumpton,	Columbiana.
W. P. Hale,	Shelby.	Isaac Bice,	Verbena.
J. M. Todd,	Verbena.	J. R. Johnson,	Rollins.
W. J. Bone,	Marble Valley.	James Morris,	Marble Valley.
C. W. Paschal,	Salter.	J. T. Nelson,	Weogufka.
W. W. Hughes,	Wetumpka.	W. S. Cox,	Jumbo.
D. M. Thompson,	Fayetteville.	J. W. Bone,	Salter.
B. Vickers,	Clanton.	J. W. Jones,	Talladega Spr'gs.
J. N. Cooper,	Ragon.	W. F. Sheperd,	Stemly.

Licentiates.

G. B. Garnett, Shelby. J. T. Leonard, Stemly. A. T. Foshee.

J. H. Thomas.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Hear Letters from the different Churches.
2. Call for Petitionary Letters from Churches wishing to unite.
3. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
4. Invite Visiting Brethren to seats.
5. Appoint Committees, to report during session, to arrange preaching, on Missions, on Finance and Auditing, on Documents and Requests, on Nominations.
6. Call for Correspondence.
7. Have Rules of Decorum read.
8. Hear Treasurer's report and references.
9. Hear Circular Letters.
10. Hear reports on Sabbath Schools.
11. Return Correspondence.
12. Hear miscellaneous Resolutions.
13. Give instructions about Appropriations.
14. Call roll and erase absentees.
15. Hear reports of Committees.
16. Make arrangements for printing Minutes.
17. Correct Minutes and adjourn.

MINUTES.

The fourteenth annual session of the Weogufka Association, held with Bethlehem Church, Shelby county, Alabama, commencing at 11 o'clock A. M. the 10th day of October, 1895, and closing the 12th day of October, 1895.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. W. Hughes, followed by Brother O. N. Dobbs. Text, 7th chapter of Matthew, 24: 26, after which one hour was taken for recess and refreshments.

At 1:30 P. M. the Association was called together by singing. Exhortation by Brother I. Bice, and reading the 133rd Psalm; then, after singing a hymn, he offered prayer.

Next was the reading of letters from the different churches composing the Association. Read by Brethren O. P. Luna and O. N. Dobbs.

PINE GROVE—J. L. White, J. B. Guye, T. S. Morris.
NEWSITE—H. J. Grooms, R. T. Berry.
MT. MORIAH—B. A. Taylor.
BAY SPRINGS—J. Davis, R. B. Jorden, J. A. Davis.
SARDIS—R. M. Harris, Albert Kelley.
CANE CREEK—M. A. Kilgore, W. J. Gentry, Clemen Giles, W. M. Knox.
WEOGUFKA—B. F. Caffee, A. M. Thomas, W. W. Callaway.
MACEDONIA—W. T. Franklin, Anderson Baker, Sr.
POPLAR SPRINGS—J. B. Wells, J. H. Thomas.
NEW LIBERTY—W. E. Boon.
BETHLEHEM—James Williams, D. B Merrell, W. S. Merrell, John Smith.
FRIENDSHIP—T. J. Dosier, J. D. Kilpatrick.
PAINT CREEK—By letter.
REFUGE—Isaac Bice.
UNION—P. D. Culver, N. H. Henderson.
CORINTH—M. F. Wagner.
NEW HOPE—J. C. Mims.
UNION HILL—D. M. Thompson.

Next the petitionary letters were asked for and received, as follows:

LIBERTY—W. A. Holmes, Samuel Barns.
BEACH GROVE—John R. Holmes, Benj. Callaway.
SHOAL CREEK—J. M. Todd, D. B. Walker.
FRANK'S CHAPEL—J. T. Leonard, W. Williams, W. J. Freeman.
UNION POINT—T. P. Parish, Nathan Miner.

Next came the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

B. H. Vickers, Moderator: A. H. Merrell, Clerk: B. F. Caffee, Treasurer.

Next was the appointing of committees to report during this session, which are as follows:

Committee on Preaching—John Wells, W. T. Franklin, N. H. Henderson, with the delegates from Bethlehem Church.

On Missions—J. T. Nelson, J. M. Todd, J. F. Watson, W. P. Hale, W. W. Hughes.

On Finance—B. B. Callaway, Joshua Davis, M. A. Kilgore.

On Documents and Requests—W. W. Hughes, W. T. Franklin, J. T. Leonard.

The Committee on Preaching reported as follows:

Brother Elias Mitchell will preach at the stand at 3:00 P. M., followed by Brother Thompson.

On Nominations—J. R. Holmes, W. E. Boon, Wiley Byron, T. J. Parish.

On Correspondence—J. M. Todd, Joseph Thomas, Albert Kelley, R. M. Harris, W. A. Holmes, P. D. Culver.

On Temperance—W. W. Callaway, A. Baker, R. T. Berry, James Williams, D. B. Walker.

On Queries—I. Bice, J. T. Nelson, J. F. Watson, W. P. Hale, B. A. Taylor.

Next was a call for correspondents. Received as Correspondents from Shelby Association: Brothers J. C. Lyon, D. D.; J. F. Averyt.

From Central Association: O. P. Luna, O. N. Dobbs, A. A. Harmon.

From Cahaba Association: S. O. Y. Ray, D. D.

Moved to adjourn to meet tomorrow morning at 8:30. Carried.

SECOND DAY.

According to previous appointment, the Association was called together by singing, and prayer was offered by Brother J. T. Nelson.

The Committee on Preaching reported as follows:

Brother J. C. Lyon to preach at the stand, followed by Brother Joseph Thomas, at 9 A. M.; Brother O. N. Dobbs, followed by J. F. Watson, at 11 A. M.

Reading of the Rules of Decorum.

Calling of the Roll. Moved and carried that the calling of the roll shall be taken as the fifteenth order of business.

Report of Treasurer. As the Treasurer is absent, it was moved and carried that the receipt given to the Treasurer by the Clerk at the last of the Association shall be received as his report, as follows: Nothing on hand. ELIAS KELLEY, Treasurer

Circular letter read and received and ordered to be spread on the minutes of the Association. J. M. TODD, Writer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We, your committee on Correspondence, report as follows: That we correspond with our churches and sister associations that agree

with us in our articles of faith and practice. The word practice here is not intended to be a test of fellowship, as to correspondence with our sister associations, for we heartily welcome all who feel disposed to commune and wash feet with us and to advance the kingdom of our blessed Redeemer. J. M. Todd, Chairman.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Missions, report as follows: We would advise that in view of the present condition of circumstances we use all diligence to help our weaker churches and for the enlargement of our boundaries in the advancement of the cause of our Redeemer's kingdom in righteousness, justice and truth.

John F. Watson,
J. T. Nelson, } Committee.
J. M. Todd,

Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON QUERIES.

We, your committee on Queries, report as follows: We submit first as a query: Is it Scriptural or Baptist usage for the general vote of a congregation who are not members of the church to be received in connection with the members in the election of pastors?

Answer: It is not.

J. F. Watson,
J. T. Nelson, } Committee.
J. M. Todd,

Adopted.

Moved and carried to adjourn until 2 P. M.

After taking refreshments, the Association was called together by prayer, which was offered by Brother S. O. Y. Ray, D. D.

Preaching at 3:30 P. M., by Brother John Hewett, followed by Brother R. R. Brasher. Text: Third chapter of The Acts: 32nd and 33rd verses.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The committee on Sabbath schools report as follows: We find that there are few churches that report having Sabbath schools. We recommend that the churches give special attention to this work during the ensuing year, and each church choose her own literature.

J. H. Thomas, Chairman.

Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We think that there is great harm being done by being intemperate in our churches and in our community. Dear Brothers and Sisters, we do admonish every one to be temperate in all things. Do your

utmost to put down in our midst the alarming element of evil, to-wit.: Strong drink. We learn that it has not only set aside some of our members, but some of our churches are not represented on account of intemperance by participating and dealing in strong drink. Let us use our influence against intemperance.

J. B. WALKER, Chairman.

Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON REQUESTS AND DOCUMENTS.

Your committee on Documents and Requests report as follows: We find there are only twenty-four churches represented: we recommend prayer meetings and Sabbath schools.

W. W. HUGHES, Chairman.

Adopted.

Moved and carried to adjourn until tomorrow morning at 8:30.

THIRD DAY.

According to previous appointment, the Association was called together by singing and the reading of the 103rd Psalm by the Moderator, and prayer was offered by Brother J. M. Todd.

A resolution was offered and carried that an answer be made as to what steps shall be taken as to intemperance by a committee, as follows: B. H. Vickers, Isaac Bice, J. M. Todd, J. T. Nelson, Elias Mitchell.

Answer: That each church withdraw from those that walk disorderly, and if they are in, they are in the minority; they call for help from other churches and enforce the law on those who go to church drinking, to the full extent.

The Committee on Preaching reported that Brother J. M. Todd would occupy the stand at 9:00 A. M., followed by I. Bice.

The Committee on Nominations recommend that D. M. Thompson preach the introductory sermon, followed by J. M. Todd, and Brother Elias Mitchell write the circular letter.

W. E. BOONE, Chairman.

Adopted.

Moved and carried that a committee be appointed to visit the churches that have not been represented, to-wit: Shelving Rock, Mountain Springs, Coosa River.

E. B. WALKER,
J. F. WATSON,
J. M. TODD,
M. A. KILGORE,
W. M. KNOX,
Committee.

Moved and carried that we appoint two missionaries in each district to preach the gospel in our Associations and on our borders next

to us, to see how much could be contributed to carry on this work. There was raised for this work $61.50.

The Association then went into the election of two missionaries, which resulted in the choice of W. W. Hughes for the 1st district and J. M. Todd for the 2nd.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, report that we find sent up from the different churches, as follows: For minutes, $25.25; for Association purposes, $8.70; postage, 85 cents; Home Missions, 50 cents. Total, $35.30.

The next meeting of the First District will be held with Weogufka Church, Coosa county, Alabama, introductory sermon to be preached by Elias Mitchell, followed by J. F. Bone, commencing on Friday before fourth Sabbath in July, 1896.

The meeting of the Second District will be held with Cane Creek Church, Chilton county, Alabama, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1896, Brother B. H. Vickers to preach the introductory sermon, followed by Brother W. S. Cox.

Return Correspondents, as follows: Central Association, by delegates—N. H. Henderson, M. F. Wagner, W. W. Callaway, W. W. Hughes, Elias Mitchell, W. M. Knox, M. A. Kilgore—to meet at Alexander City, Tallapoosa county, Alabama, on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in October, 1896.

Correspondents to Unity Association—J. H. Thomas, W. T. Franklin, J. B. Wells, D. B. Merrell, B. H. Vickers—to meet with Providence Church, Chilton county, Alabama, on Tuesday before the second Sabbath in October, 1896.

Mulberry—M. A. Kilgore, W. M. Knox, Isaac Bice, D. D.

Shelby—Joshua Davis, J. A. Davis, D. B. Merrell, A. H. Merrell—to meet with Kingdom Church, Shelby county, Alabama, commencing on Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, 1896.

Moved and carried, that we correspond with Turn Creek, with letter and minutes, sent by the Clerk.

Moved and carried, that any brother who may meet with another Association may act as correspondent.

Moved and carried, that there be a committee of four appointed—two from each district: that the missionary shall correspond with one each month while traveling: to commence the 1st of July and travel three months. The committees are as follows: First District, A. M. Thomas, B. A. Taylor: Second District, J. B. Wells, M. A. Kilgore.

Moved and carried, that the Clerk have $22 worth of Minutes printed.

Moved and carried, that the Clerk have $10 for his services and the remainder to be given to Sister Fanny Bowden and Sister Hughes, and a collection was taken up in their behalf. There was received $4.11, 50 cents for home mission from last year, $3.30 for home missions for this year. Total, $7.91, divided equally.

We, the members and delegates of this Association, tender our thanks to the brethren and friends of this community for the kindness shown us during our stay in their midst.

Moved and carried, that Brother Elias Mitchell and Brother J. F. Watson be appointed to assist the Clerk in correcting mistakes in our Articles of Faith and Proof Texts.

Moved, that the appointing of a committee on correspondence be erased from our order of business.

The next meeting of this Association will be held with Holly Springs Church, Coosa county, Alabama.

Moved and carried, that absentees be erased from the minutes.

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of $35.30 from B. F. Caffee, Treasurer of the Weogufka Association.

A. H. MERRELL, Clerk.

Received of A. H. Merrell, Clerk of the Weogufka Association, $3.80, contributed to Sister Hughes and Sister Fanny Bowden.

W. W. HUGHES.

It was moved and carried to adjourn, to meet with Holly Springs Church, Coosa county, Alabama, on Thursday before the second Sabbath in October, 1896. B. H. VICKERS, Moderator.

A. H. MERRELL, Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. We deny and demur any right the Alabama convention has assumed over us in taxation and otherwise; we do not expect to conform to its dictation nor that of the State Board.

2. We denounce all Sabbath school literature, expositions and expositors that are inveighing against feet-washing in connection with the communion.

3. We denounce as unscriptural and unbaptistic the non-intercommunion sentiment, and recommend to our churches communion with each other, holding to the faith first delivered.

4. We hold to that translation of the Scriptures received from our fathers in Israel, under which our churches were constituted and our ministers ordained.

5. We solicit correspondence with all associations and churches that agree with us in our articles of faith.

This Association is divided into two districts, Coosa river being the line. All churches on the east side are to be known as the First District: all on the west side to be known as the Second District.

We hereby acknowledge having received from the Clerk of the

Weogufka Association the sum of $22.00, for which we have printed 600 Minutes of said Association.

ADVOCATE PUBLISHING CO.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

For Weogufka Baptist Asssociation, October, 1895.

The responsibilities to church and pastor. The question would naturally arise, How shall the work be done? I would answer: First, That preachers should have the qualifications that are required in 1st Tim., 3rd chapter, beginning at 2nd verse to 8th verse, especially the latter clause of the 2nd verse. He should first be consecrated to the work. When the gospel is properly taught, unmixed with error, God has and always will give His spirit to carry His truth home to the hearts of men, for he says in Matthew, 28th chapter, 20th verse: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." We would caution the brotherhood to be very careful who they lay hands on, for in some instances, no doubt, the cause has been injured by being too hasty in this matter. Repentance, faith and good works should be taught in full. Gospel works are good works, both spiritual and financial. Pastors feel a great delicacy in teaching the church its duty on the financial part concerning themselves. The poor, uncared-for preacher has and does make many sacrifices that no one knows anything about but himself. The divine command is to go, regardless of financial circumstances. The burden is in his heart, fire is in his bones, and no peace for him unless he carries and delivers the message committed to him from on high. Dear brother preachers, many times you leave home in a great strait—your family in distressed circumstances, destitute of the necessities of this life, while the church says come at once to our assistance, for we are hungry for spiritual food; men, women, boys and girls yet to be converted and brought into the kingdom of God's dear Son, or to be forever lost. Yes, it is with you as it was with Paul, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." Generally speaking, preachers are the poorest class of professional men we have, financially. Preachers are human beings, subject to temptations, liable to discouragements, with feelings and desires and needs similar to the rest of mankind. Notwithstanding all of these things, he feels and is duty bound to the local churches, for the calling is of divine authority and he must go. Woe is him if he does not go.

As we have had a letter in regard to the duty of a deacon, which is plainly set forth, now we wish to say a few words concerning the laity of the church. It is very true there is a stupor prevails in the churches. There is a cause for it. We believe a part of it is a financial cause, and we believe it is the principal cause. Paul declares that he that preaches the gospel shall live of the gospel. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver, and it is more blessed to give than to receive, so saith the word. Now is the time. The church has not been self-sustaining; we are reasoning upon home, brethren, which you all believe in. Where is the pastor that has received a righteous compensation for his labors within our bounds? Now, brethren, our Savior said, in Matthew 6-19: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal." Verse 20 says: "Lay up for yourselves in heaven." Now, brethren, we know of no better way to lay up these treasures than

by giving to the support of the gospel. Can we not each of us make some improvement on our own part? Some say it is sustaining the ministry. Is it not equally sustaining to the church? We are taught in the scripture that in all things Christ might have the preeminence. Col., 1st chapter, 18th verse. To give Him preeminence in one esteemed way is to help to support His gospel, "for in as much as ye did it not unto one of the least of these ye did it not to Me." Matthew, 25: 45. He also says that he who giveth a cup of cold water in His name shall not lose his reward. No doubt too many of us have tried to justify ourselves by giving a cup of water or something that did not cost anything. Brethren, that is no sacrifice. We do earnestly pray that the church of Christ may at once shake off the spirit of stupidity concerning these things, and that we will willingly gird on the armor of duty, and the Lord will certainly bless his church and people. Dear brethren, think on these things that are here hinted at, for the welfare of Zion in the future. May the Lord bless Zion.

J. M. Todd.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be composed of members regularly chosen by the Churches in our union, but, in making appointments, or assigning duties, it shall be constitutional for the Association to appoint to any such duties any ordained minister, though such minister be not a delegate to this body.

Art. 2. The members so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with the state of their churches since their last representation.

Art. 3. The members so chosen and convened shall be called the Weogufka Association.

Art. 4. This Association shall sit as an advisory council, and shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor infringe on the internal rights of the churches, but may withdraw from any church not orthodox in principle according to the Scriptures, and who shall fail to represent at an Association and shall fail to account for such failure at the next regular session.

Art. 5. Any church desiring admission into this union shall petition by letter and messengers, and if found orthodox, shall be received by the Association by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 6. Any church having a public gift, before proceeding to license the same, should call the gifts of two or more sister churches, or experienced members, to unite with the churches in conference to examine into the nature of the gift, and upon due approval license to be granted and reported at the next Association.

Art. 7. Every church in our union whose membership shall be one hundred or under shall be entitled to three delegates, and for every thirty-three over one hundred it shall be entitled to one additional delegate.

Art. 8. No query shall be taken into consideration in this Association, except in cases of serious difficulty which cannot be settled by the churches nor messengers from other churches.

Art. 9. This Association may correspond with any Baptist benevolent institution it shall deem expedient.

Art. 10. This Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all money thus contrib-

uted shall be transmitted from the churches by their messengers and paid over to the Committee on Finance. The committee shall be annually appointed, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge the Association funds and dispose of the same, agreeably to order, and make at every session a fair and substantial report of their proceedings.

ART. 11. The officers of this association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, to be elected from her own body.

ART. 12. Differences of opinion as to the benevolent institutions of the day, shall never be made a question of fellowship in this body.

ART. 13. Amendments or alterations to this Constitution may be made at any regular session when two-thirds of the members are present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH, WITH PROOF TEXTS.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one true and living God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, three in one. 1 John, 5:7: Matthew, 3:15-17; John, 14:16: Matthew, 28:19.

ART. 2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2 Timothy, 3:16-17: 2 Peter, 1:19-21.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and that Adam disobeyed God, and that all mankind have inherited a sinful nature from Adam. Genesis, 3:1-7; Psalms, 51:5: Romans, 5:12; Ephesians, 2:1.

ART. 4. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by himself alone. Zechariah, 4:6; John, 6:44. 2 Corinthians, 4:14: Romans, 7:7-8.

ART. 5. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. Romans, 11:5; 2 Thessalonians, 2:13; 1 Peter, 1:2.

ART. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ. Acts, 13:39; Romans, 4:11: Gallatians, 2:16; Luke, 9:9.

ART. 7. We believe in the perseverance of the Saints. Micah, 7:8: John, 5:24 and 10:28: Romans, 8:35-39: 1 Peter, 1:5.

ART. 8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and inasmuch as He washed His disciples' feet we ought also to wash one another's feet: and that none but true believers are fit subjects for these ordinances. John, 1:33: Matthew, 3:13-17: Matthew, 27:19-20; Acts, 1:22; 1 Corinthians, 11:23-26: John, 13:1-17; Acts, 3:20-23.

ART. 9. We believe in one Lord, one Faith and one baptism—and immersion only is baptism. Ephesians, 4:5: Romans, 6:3; Collosians, 2:4-12: Acts, 2:3: Mark, 1:9.

ART. 10. We believe that no one is qualified to preach or administer the ordinances of the gospel except he be called of God, as was Aaron, is set apart by and is in good standing with the church of, which he is a member, and has come under the hands of the presbytery. Mark, 3:14: Acts, 14:23: 1 Timothy, 2:7, 5:23; Hebrews, 5:4: John, 4:2: Acts, 3:23: 1 Timothy, 5:21-22.

ART. 11. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgment. John, 5:28-29: Revelations, 2:12-28: Acts, 24:15.

ART. 12. We believe the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. Matthew, 25:46: Revelations, 7:15: Revelations, 20:10-14, 15: Matthew, 25:41-43.

STATISTICS OF WEOGUFKA ASSOCIATION, 1895.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	Membership Last Reported.	INCREASE BY				DECREASE BY			Present Membership.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	For Minutes.	For Association Purposes.	For Home Mission.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Revival.
					Baptism.	Letter	Voucher.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.								
Bay Springs	Shelby	W. P. Hale	D. H. Davis, Shelby	55		2	3	1	9		1	58			$ 1.50	.50		2	1
Bethlehem	Shelby	Elias Mitchell	G. B. Garnett, Shelby	65	17	2	2		5		3	79	3	30	1.50	.50		1	2
Canaan	Chilton	B. Vickers	Houston Wood, Mountain Creek	12	5		1	1			1	20			.75				
Corinth	Chilton	John Hewett	M. F. Wagner, Jumbo, Ala	15	5	4						21			1.00	.40			
Cane Creek	Chilton	W. S. Cox	W. S. Jordon, Clanton, Ala	43	13	3		5		1		55			1.50	.50		1	
Friendship	Coosa	J. F. Watson	T. J. Dosier, Marble Valley	32	5	5	1		1			43			1.00				
Frank's Chapel	Talladega	J. N. Cooper	W. T. Cooper Ragon, Ala		23	15						51			1.50	.55			
Beach Grove	Talladega	D. M. Thompson	Bee Cooper, Fayetteville	12	4	15						31			1.25				
Mt. Moriah	Coosa	W. W. Hughes	G. A. Harmon, Mt. Moriah	51					4		1	47			.75	.25		1	
Maccedonia	Chilton	J. E. Champion	A. J. Ellison, Jumbo	58	10	5		5	5		1	69			1.50	.50			
New Liberty	Autauga	Isaac Bice	W. E. Boon, Prattville	47	1				2	2		43			1.00	2.00			
New Hope	Chilton	W. P. Hale	E. Aldridge, Jemison	29								29			.50				
Pine Grove	Coosa	J. T. Nelson	A. D. Duke, Marble Valley	30		3			2	1		29			1.10				
Paint Creek	Coosa	E. C. Mitchell	S. J. Dupriest, Marble Valley	26					2	1		25			.70				
Poplar Springs	Chilton	B. Vickers	J. J. McDowell, Coopers	81	13	14		1	2		1	106			1.75	1.25		4	1
Refuge	Elmore	I. Bice	S. E. Bice, Verbena	16	1							17			1.10	.50		1	
Sardis	Coosa	O. N. Dobbs	Albert Kelley, Travelers' Rest	37	1					3	1	38			1.00	1.00		1	
Shoal Creek	Elmore	O. N. Dobbs	J. N. Dean, Lightwood												1.50			2	
Union	Coosa	J. T. Hughes	W. J. Little, Lysle	64	13	4				4		77			1.50	.50			
Union Hill	Talladega	D. M. Thompson	B. J. Long, Fayetteville												.50				
Newsite	Coosa	W. W. Hughes	G. W. Basemore, Weogufka	30	5							35		56	1.00			4	
Union Point	Chilton	W. J. Bone	T. P. Parish, Clanton									35			1.00				
Weogufka	Coosa	W. W. Hughes	B. F. Caffee, Weogufka	22	3	5			3	2		29			.75		50	2	
Liberty	Talladega	J. W. Jones	M. D. McDowell, Talladega Spri'gs.	4	23	4	10					41							
Totals				401	144	82	14	13	40	14	9	965	3	86	$26.75	$7.45	50		4

Coosa River, Holly Springs, Mountain Springs, New Hopewell and Shelving Rock were not represented.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Superintendents: J. Davis, Shelby, Ala.; T. R. Lovett, Farmer, Ala.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by a majority of the members of the body, and shall hold their offices until another election. To be elected annually.

2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the deliberations of the Association, and keep order by enforcing the Rules of Decorum. He shall not be allowed to vote, except in case of a tie, in which case he shall give the casting vote.

3. It shall be the duty of the Association: First, To provide for the general union of the churches, and to devise ways and means for the spread of the gospel and the promotion of our Redeemer's kingdom upon earth. Second, To maintain correspondence with sister Associations, and thus preserve a chain of communication among the churches Third, To give advice to the churches in case of difficulty. Fourth, To invite visiting ministers of our faith and order to seats with us and to aid in our deliberations.

4. At each annual session there shall be appointed by the Association an Executive Committee, consisting of ———, to whom shall be referred all matters touching the spread of the gospel in our bounds, and to report thereon at the next session of the Association.

5. There shall be appointed, as in the last preceding article, a Committee of Finance, to whom all funds sent up by the churches to the Association shall be paid, whose duty it shall be to report thereon during the session.

6. No motion shall be entertained by the Association until it shall have been seconded; it shall then be taken up and opened for debate and finally decided, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every query sent up to this Association by any one in the union shall be read and put to a vote by the Modorator whether it shall be debated; and if there be a majority in its favor, it shall be taken up and investigated, but if not it shall be withdrawn. Provided, always, that those be first considered which may effect the union of the churches.

8. Every member who speaks shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject.

9. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject, unless by leave of the Association.

10. There shall be no talking, whispering, or moving about during the time of any public discussion, nor any reflection cast upon a speaker.

11. Any delegate wishing to leave the Association before its adjournment shall be required to make the cause known and to obtain leave of absence by vote of the body; and if any delegate shall absent himself without leave, he shall be considered guilty of disorder and his name erased from the list of delegates.

12. A member violating any of these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator.

13. These Rules of Decorum shall be read at each annual session of the Association immediately after its organization.

14. These Rules of Decorum may, at any regular session, be altered or amended, a majority of the body concurring therein.

15. This Association shall meet on Thursday before the second Sabbath in October, annually.